

REMARKS

With this Amendment, claims 4 and 13 are cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-3, 5-12, and 14-17 are all the claims currently pending in this Application.

With this Amendment claims 1 and 10 are amended in order more fully to cover various aspects of Applicants' invention as disclosed in the specification. The amendments are fully supported in the originally-filed specification at least in portions beginning at page 14, line 8 and at page 18, line 1, and in Figures 7 and 9. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 10, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Burke (U.S. Publication 2002/0167534). Claims 4 and 13 are cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that Burke fails to disclose or suggest, in response to specification of a transparent range that includes multiple ranges having current settings of different transparencies, *updating the current setting of transparency to the degree of transparency specified with regard to a pixel having a current setting of transparency lower than the specified degree of transparency, and maintaining the current setting of transparency with regard to a pixel having a current setting of transparency higher than the specified degree of transparency.*

Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 10 are patentable over Burke and respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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